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SUBJ: OECD OIL COMMITTEE HIGH LEVEL GROUP

1. MISSION SHOULD REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF OIL COMMITTEE
AND HLG FROM MAY 8-10 TO JUNE 12-14.

2. MISSION MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING RATIONALE IN DISCUSSING
THIS REQUEST WITH SECRETARY GENERAL, SECRETARIAT OFFICI-
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ALS OR OTHER DELEGATIONS. (A) US CONTINUES TO CONSIDER COOPERATION AMONG CONSUMER NATIONS AS ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN SOLVING INTERNATIONAL ENERGY/ OIL PROBLEMS COMMON TO ALL OECD MEMBERS. AS INDICATION OF IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON COOPERATIVE EFFORT AND ROLE OF HLG, WE SEEK TO HOLD MEETING AT TIME WHEN APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL CAN REPRESENT US. IT IS PRESENT INTENTION THAT UNDER SECRETARY CASEY WILL HEAD US DELEGATION TO HLG AND IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE IN EUROPE WEEK OF MAY 8. PER REFTEL, NEXT DATES POSSIBLE FOR OIL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WANSINK ARE JUNE 12-14. (DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS MONDAY, JUNE 11 IS FRENCH HOLIDAY AND OECD CLOSED). EPS TO COME ISLAMABAD

IN EFFORT TO REACH FINAL SOLUTION. IN RESPONSE HER QUERY AS TO CHARGE' S REACTION, HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT ALICO WAS ALL IN FAVOR OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IF IT HAD ASSURANCES THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD LEAD TO SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. RECALLING LAST ALICO VISIT HERE, CHARGE SAID HE BELIEVED ALICO WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN RETURNING ISLAMABAD FOR ANOTHER DEBATE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. HE URGED THAT GOP COME UP WITH PROPOSED SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD MEET ALICO' S LEGITIMATE CONCERNS AND CLAIM. MISS BANO, WHO CAME TO COMMERCE MINISTRY RATHER RECENTLY, SAID SHE HAD REVIEWED FILE AND AGREED THAT GOP SHOULD NOT EXPECT ALICO REPS TO COME BACK FOR ANOTHER ROUTINE VISIT. SHE ADDED THAT GOP WAS INTERESTED IN ARRIVING AT FINAL SETTLEMENT PRIOR TO END OF THIS MONTH, AND HAD FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM. IF GOP FELT IT WAS READY FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT, IT WOULD SEND INVITATION TO ALICO VIA PAKISTAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. SHE PROMISED TO KEEP THIS EMBASSY INFORMED.

4. DURING CONVERSATION WITH MISS BANO, CHARGE SUGGESTED THAT GOP FOCUS NOW ON WAYS TO COME UP WITH OVERALL MONE- TARY SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD MEET ALICO' S LEGITIMATE REQUIRE- MENT. HE ASKED THAT GOP ALSO KEEP IN MIND PENDING PROBLEM OF ALICO ASSETS VIS- A- VIS CLAIMS IN BANGLADESH. MISS BANO REINTERATED GOP' S DESIRE TO FIND PROMPT, AMICABLE SOLUTION.

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